

Welcome! We're delighted to have you with us at this time, and pray that you will experience the deep love of God the Father as you share in the life of his church here.

Family Camp 2016

This year's Church Family Camp will be held at Kerem Adventure Camp in Bullsbrook over Anzac Day long weekend, Friday 22 - Monday 25 April. The theme of "Life in the Spirit" will be reflected in the teaching and activities, but there will also be time to enjoy the location and get to know other people. Family Camp is open to families, singles and couples of all ages, but places are limited so please register early - flyers will be available from 6 March or contact Steve Lim for further details: stevemaelim@gmail.com

Salt News

Our Young Adults ministry kicked off on Wednesday 24 February with the first Salt gathering for 2016. With over 130 people present, we had a great evening that included praise and worship, prayer, introduction of the leaders, and Jonathan preaching on the "Power of Unity". The evening finished with everyone enjoying Mexican burritos and time hanging out with one another. Salt Clarity groups will commence on Wednesday 2 March at 7.30pm, fortnightly alternating with the Salt gatherings. Dawn Brodie will be leading a missions trip to Newman over the Easter weekend, joined by several young adults. Pray for safe travel, for strength and good health, and a meaningful time of connection and engagement with the people.

Auditorium Project

We are pleased to announce that the long-awaited Booragoon Campus Auditorium upgrade will commence in early March and be completed by late April. The project includes the installation of new front-of-house speakers to enable greater clarity and quality of sound in all areas of the room, and work on the stage to enable more flexibility for different purposes. The biggest visual change will be the extension of the stage to bridge the gap between congregation and platform.



FAMILY NEWS:

WEDDINGS - Congratulations to:

Elizabeth Lim Li Shea and James Pearce who were married on 20 February.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

To family and friends of Nova Geha who passed away 20 February (funeral 2 March).

If you have items of family news that you would like included in this section in future months, please forward details to the Church office.

New Staff Roles

We are delighted that Liezl Breytenbach has stepped up to oversee our Sunday morning children's ministry, MPK, as the Assistant Children and Families Pastor. This has created space in Kathy Sinclair's role as Children and Families Pastor, to allow her to take on the Missional Links work.

Sabah Mission Trip Report

Jan and Richard Watson, Yuet Lee, and Kathy Sinclair recently spent a very worthwhile and blessed week in Sabah, Malaysia. The week commenced with outreach ministry to many children in the Kudat region who were very responsive to the gospel message, as were the large teenage group with Richard. It's a privilege to see the children respond with such joy. Kathy was also invited to be the speaker at the first ever Sabah Children's Prayer Conference held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah's capital - 800 children and teachers attended the 2-day event from all over Sabah. We were privileged to see the Lord moving powerfully in lives. It truly was a mountain top experience! Thank you for all your prayers covering us. We have all been so blessed.

FINANCES:

Our financial reporting is based on a January to December calendar year

Giving to the Church Operating and Missional Links account



YEAR TO DATE BUDGET (31 January 2016)

\$126,653

YTD ACTUAL:

\$107,225

YTD DEFICIT:

-\$19,428

Giving to the Building Fund as at 31 January 2016

YTD ACTUAL:

\$36,785

ANNUAL TARGET:

\$400,000

For all giving enquiries:

finance@mouties.org.au or contact the church office.

You can pay for church related events including camps via our EFTPOS machine at the Info Point each Sunday morning.

For Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) of offerings and donations please use the Commonwealth Bank details adjacent:

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BSB 066-124
Acc No. 0090 3735

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Mount Pleasant Baptist Community College
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Acc No. 1036 7831

Building Fund Donations: (Tax receipt)

Mount Pleasant Baptist Community College
BSB 066-163
Acc No. 1036 7858
Please include your full name

THE BOOK SHOP:

There will be a new Koorong turnaround in March, with the new stock including books and gifts for Easter - a much healthier option than giving chocolate, though shoppers may still find a few Easter eggs in the Book Shop!

OPENING TIMES:

Sunday: 9.45am-10.30am
11.45am-12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am-1.30pm
(during school terms)

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This Month



Our current series is entitled "Following Jesus" where we are focusing on the words Jesus actually spoke about following him after his return to the Father by way of the cross. The words of Jesus will lead us to Easter where the Victorious Love of God was and is most gloriously displayed. The Word that became flesh humbled himself to the lowest place on earth, death on a Roman cross, and the Father exalted him to the high place in heaven and on earth. As Bruce Milne said, "In the end there is no explanation for the cross other than the love of God. There can be no other, for we certainly do not deserve it, and can never earn it." We are looking forward to celebrating Easter together! – Simon Ford

Care Ministry

Our vision for pastoral care at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is for a model where every person has access to care and shares in the caring for one another according to the gifts and capacity God has given. Our *Zone Pastor* model has been effective for a number of years and we are very thankful to those who have served in that role. However, with a growing congregation spread over a wider area, the role of Zone Pastors has become more difficult. Given this situation, we have been working towards a new model of care which will be introduced in

March. The new *Care Ministry* will consist of several teams of people, with team members being linked with particular people in need, as opposed to having a whole zone to oversee. The current *Hands and Feet* ministry will become the *Practical Care Team* and respond to particular practical needs. We want to encourage anyone who would like pastoral care to notify us of needs so we can respond appropriately. *Care Ministry* flyers are available at the Info Point and there will soon be information online with details of how to access care.

Coolbellup Campus Update

2016 is upon us with almost a quarter of the year behind us. Those New Years' resolutions have "come and gone", most of them forgotten. Those articles on "habits of how to get and remain spiritually healthy" are no longer able to be called to mind. Hence, we decided to study the Book of James as a series for the start of the year. God has been teaching us many lessons as we have systematically gone through each chapter. The main lesson so far is practical, realistic religion that manifests itself in "works". With that in mind, we are being challenged to *move into the streets and make a difference*. So, one step at a time, we march on.

International Internship Programme

On Monday 22 February, three international interns arrived in Perth for four weeks – April and Jodie from the USA, and Chamindee from Sri Lanka. They are staying with two of our lovely MPBC families, with Kathy Sinclair overseeing their time in Perth. They will be focused on Children's Ministry but have a particular interest in Children's Prayer, and many staff members (both college and church) are involved in running sessions with them. The aim is for them to return to their home countries equipped and inspired to encourage children to gather to pray. Please make them welcome if you see them around.



Silvie Paladino – Save the Date!

Silvie Paladino is one of Australia's most versatile and talented entertainers with theatrical and concert performances received to critical acclaim. She is also a regular at Carols by Candlelight in Melbourne. She will perform at MPBC on Saturday 14 May - mark your diaries! More information will be available shortly.



Flourish 'Discipleship Explored'

This course will be held on Fridays 4, 18 March and 1 April, 10.00 – 11.30am in the Function Room at Booragoon Campus. It is open to anyone but is particularly aimed at people who have difficulties with reading for long periods. You will enjoy a lively chat on the topic of joy from a biblical perspective with morning tea included. For more details on Flourish or Discipleship Explored, please contact Jenny Miles: mmiles5@bigpond.com

Short Courses in March

The next short courses to be offered in 2016 will commence in early March. Register ASAP.

Digital Photography for Beginners helps participants become familiar with the key features of their DSLR camera and the in-class exercises are part of learning how to take quality photographs. The course runs for 4 weeks on Thursday evenings.

Theology for Everyone is an introduction to Christian theology with a strong focus upon the key doctrines of revelation, God, Christ, Holy Spirit, salvation, and the church. Small groups are encouraged to attend on Wednesday evenings for an hour of teaching which will be followed by group discussion.

A MONTH IN THE LIFE OF MPBC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7.45am – Café open	Office Closed	9.30am – Women in the Word Together	9.15am – Craft Connection	9.30am – Tumble Tots	6.45am – Marketplace 98% (4 & 18 Mar)	10.00am – Flourish (12 Mar)
8.45am – International Bible Study and Culture Group		6.00pm – Prayer and Healing	9.30am – Tumble Tots	9.30am – Men's Bible Study	6.00pm – AMP Youth: Live and The Gig (school years 7-12)	
8.45am – Booragoon AM Service 10.30am – Booragoon AM Service		6.00pm – Call to Prayer (8 Booragoon & 22 Coolbellup)	7.30pm – Salt - Young Adults (9 & 23 Mar)	11.30am – Seniors Communion & Lunch (17 Mar)		
9.00am – Coolbellup Service		6.00pm – Revival Prayer (1, 15, 29 Mar)	7.30pm – Theology for Everyone (commences 9 Mar)	7.00pm – Men's PIE Night (17 Mar)		
5.45pm – Pre-service Prayer in Café		7.30pm – Creative Ministries		7.30pm – Ladies Book Club (17 Mar)		
6.30pm – Booragoon PM Service		7.30pm – Christianity Explored (concludes 22 Mar)				



GOT A QUESTION?

Email us: contact@mounties.org.au or phone the church office on 9329 1777.

COMING EVENTS

More details and registration (where required) for these events are available at the Info Point or through the Church Office – contact@mounties.org.au – 9329 1777

Additional events & info can be found on our website: mounties.org.au and via our Facebook page: facebook.com/mpbcperth

Celebration Service Café

WHEN: Sundays, 7.45-8.45am, 10.00-10.40am
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Café

World Day of Prayer – Cuba

WHEN: Friday 4 March, 10.00am
WHERE: St Michael's Church, Mt Pleasant
Everyone welcome.

Easter Services

WHEN: Friday 25 & Sunday 27 March
BOORAGOON: 8.45am & 10.30am
COOLBELLUP: 9.00am

There will be no evening service at Booragoon Campus on Easter Sunday.

Annual General Meeting

WHEN: Sunday 17 April, 12.15pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Auditorium

Community Ministries

CONNECT LUNCH

WHEN: Sunday 13 March, 12.15pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room
If you are new or "newish" to the church, come and join us for a lunch where you can find out more about what happens at MPBC. Sign up at the Info Point or Connect Point.

MEN'S PIE NIGHT

WHEN: Thursday 17 March, 7.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room
All men welcome to the first *PIE Night* of 2016. Jonathan Anthony, our Young Adults pastor, will speak on 'The Power of Blessing'. \$10 for pie and drink. Please note the new day and time: 3rd Thursday at 7.00pm!

LADIES BOOK CLUB

WHEN: Thursday 17 March, 7.30pm
Book to be discussed in March: 'Is God Anti Gay?' by Sam Allberry. Details from Gladys Burgess: gladys.burgess@mounties.org.au

SINGLES ALIVE

Details of the extensive programme of events for the singles group coordinated by Elsie and Neil Murray is available at the Info Point and on the noticeboard.

Children & Families

BABY DEDICATIONS

WHEN: Sunday 13 March, 8.45 & 10.30am
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Auditorium
If you would like your child dedicated, please contact Lisa Tabor at the Church office.

MPK YOUTH LEADER TRAINING

WHEN: Sunday 20 March, 8.45am
WHERE: Booragoon Campus

Learn to use your gifts and time to serve God and help other kids to know and love Him. For more information, contact Liezl via liezl.breytenbach@mounties.org.au

Youth

RAMPAGE AT POINT WALTER

WHEN: Sunday 13 March, 10.00am-1.30pm
WHERE: Point Walter, Bicton
Rampage will be holding their service at Point Walter – drop off and pick up from near the playground on Honour Avenue.

NO AMP YOUTH ON GOOD FRIDAY

WHEN: Friday 25 March
No AMP Youth on this date as it is Good Friday. We're back the following week, Friday 1 April.

Young Adults

SALTY WEEKEND 2016

WHEN: Friday 22 – Monday 25 April
WHERE: Orchard Glory Farm Resort, Bindoon
Registrations now open for this year's Young Adults retreat. Register by 10 April. Earlybird prices end 20 March. Details and registration online at mounties.org.au/saltyweekend

Upcoming Short Courses

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BEGINNERS

WHEN: Thursdays, 3 – 24 March, 7.00-9.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Hall
Lawrence Roycroft and Mick Stringer will show you how to get started with digital photography.

THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE

WHEN: Wednesdays, 9 Mar – 13 Apr, 7.30-8.30pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Auditorium
The next in our series aimed for home groups to attend, teaching from Mick Stringer.